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Week of September 4 – September 10, 2006

AGRICULTURAL SUMMARY: Mild, mostly dry weather.

Winter wheat seeding catches up with average.

Corn silage and dry bean harvests ahead of average.

Some thunderstorm activity occurred last week but was mostly limited to the southern half of the State. Average temperatures were much cooler in the eastern half. High temperatures were mostly in the upper 70's to low 90's. Low temperatures were mostly in the mid 20's to mid 40's. Nighttime temperatures continued to drop with hard frosts occurring in more areas. Accumulative precipitation for the year was 2 to 5 inches below normal in most areas.

Topsoil moisture was rated adequate in 26 percent of the State, down 1 point from last week and down from 33 percent last year. Irrigation water supplies were adequate in 50 percent of the State unchanged from two weeks ago. Mostly mild weather during the week enabled producers to make good progress in the fields.

SOIL MOISTURE TABLE

Topsoil	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5-Yr Avg
Very Short	31	30	19	33
Short	43	43	48	44
Adequate	26	27	33	23
Surplus	0	0	0	0

CROP PROGRESS TABLE

Item	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5-Yr Avg
Barley Harvested	95	93	93	94
Oats Harvested	93	90	88	85
Winter Wht Planted	63	22	64	61
Winter Wht Emerged	23	1	26	21
Corn Milk	87	73	100	98
Corn Dough	63	45	94	87
Corn Dent	32	18	68	55
Corn Mature	5	1	10	23
Corn Silage	39	19	23	31
Dry Beans Turn Color	95	85	88	91
Dry Beans Windrowed	57	45	37	41
Dry Beans Combined	29	20	10	18
Alfalfa Second Cutting	96	93	92	93
Alfalfa Third Cutting	35	17	19	29

FIELD CROP REPORT: An average of 6.3 days were suitable for fieldwork during the past week. Small grain harvest was virtually complete with barley harvest at 95 percent and oats at 93 percent. Winter wheat seeding progressed just slightly head of the average pace with almost two-thirds seeded. Nearly one-quarter was emerged. Moisture in the Southeast helped winter wheat prospects.

Over half of the dry bean crop was windrowed and producers were busy combining. Progress remained ahead of the average pace. Condition of beans remained steady with 56 percent of the crop in good or excellent condition. Corn development continued behind the average pace with 63 percent reaching dough and 32 percent dented, compared with the averages of 87 and 55 percent. Some of the crop was just beginning to mature. Corn condition was unchanged with 54 rated in good or excellent condition. Corn silage harvest stayed 8 points ahead of the average pace with 39 percent complete. About two-thirds of the sugarbeet crop remained in good condition. The second cutting of alfalfa was wrapping up, slightly ahead of the average pace. Some producers were getting a third cutting which was 35 percent harvested.

CROP CONDITON TABLE

Item	V Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excel
Corn	2	9	35	51	3
Dry Beans	0	5	39	55	1
Sugarbeets	5	9	18	68	0

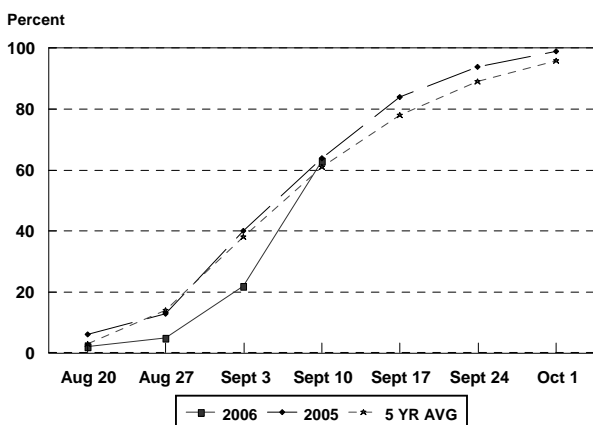
LIVESTOCK, PASTURE, AND RANGE REPORT: Light rain was not enough to improve rangeland and pasture condition. Only 5 percent was rated good, unchanged from last week. Almost half remained in very poor condition. Livestock were in fair to mostly good condition.

PASTURE AND RANGE FEED

Item	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5-Yr Avg
Very Poor	45	46	3	29
Poor	29	27	13	25
Fair	21	22	39	29
Good	5	5	40	15
Excellent	0	0	5	2

WEATHER SUMMARY: Temperatures during the week ending Friday, September 8th averaged below normal in the eastern half of State while the remainder averaged much warmer. Averages ranged from 5.1 degrees below normal in Wheatland to 4.4 degrees above normal in Evanston. The high temperature was 90 in Greybull while the low was 24 in Dillinger. Only light precipitation was recorded across the State with most falling in the Southern half. Amounts were below normal at all reporting stations. The most precipitation was reported in Afton with 0.13 inches, and Rawlins with 0.5 inches.

Winter Wheat Planted



TEMPERATURE AND PRECIPITATION FOR WEEK ENDED SEPTEMBER 8, 2006

TEMPERATURE				PRECIPITATION				
				CUMULATIVE 1/				
				: NORM :				
				DEP.	AMT.	DEP.	1/06	THRU
				FROM	PAST	FROM	TO	CURR
STATION	MAX	MIN	NORM	WEEK	NORM	DATE	WEEK	NORM
SNAKE DRAINAGE								
Jackson	85	27	4.0	0.00	-0.32	9.61	12.10	-2.49
Afton	84	32	3.9	0.13	-0.22	8.47	12.82	-4.35
GREEN & BEAR DRAINAGE								
Uinta County AP	81	44	4.4	0.04	-0.21	5.92	7.95	-2.03
Big Piney AP	81	31	3.4	0.02	-0.18	3.27	5.59	-2.32
Rock Springs AP	83	38	0.9	0.02	-0.18	4.06	6.77	-2.71
BIG HORN DRAINAGE								
Cody	82	41	2.9	0.00	-0.26	6.09	8.42	-2.33
Deaver	88	36	1.7	0.00	-0.13	2.34	4.51	-2.17
Greybull AP	90	35	-0.7	T	-0.17	2.69	5.66	-2.97
Powell Field St	83	35	0.7	0.00	-0.15	2/		
Worland FAA AP	85	36	-1.6	0.00	-0.17	2.72	6.00	-3.28
POWDER, LITTLE MO. & TONGUE DRAINAGE								
Kaycee	85	36	1.1	0.00	-0.23	5.57	10.36	-4.79
Sheridan WSO AP	89	34	-1.4	0.00	-0.28	5.86	10.94	-5.08
BELLE FOURCHE DRAINAGE								
Dillinger	86	24	-2.2	0.00	-0.23	9.85	11.60	-1.75
Sundance	86	35	-1.6	0.00	-0.30	16.66	14.70	1.96
CHEYENNE & NIOBRARA DRAINAGE								
Newcastle	86	41	-3.1	0.00	-0.29	12.24	12.73	-0.49
Redbird	83	34	-4.2	0.00	-0.31	10.56	12.52	-1.96
LOWER PLATTE DRAINAGE								
Casper AP	85	33	-4.4	0.00	-0.21	10.47	9.81	0.67
Cheyenne AP	78	34	-4.6	0.04	-0.31	8.70	12.76	-4.06
Chugwater	82	32	-4.8	T	-0.29	7.73	12.66	-4.93
Douglas AP	84	33	-2.9	0.00	-0.21	6.35	10.19	-3.84
Torrington AP	83	36	-3.9	0.00	-0.28	7.13	11.21	-4.08
Wheatland 4 N	84	36	-5.1	0.04	-0.24	6.69	10.63	-3.94
WIND RIVER DRAINAGE								
Lander AP	83	40	-0.6	0.03	-0.20	3.64	9.69	-6.05
Riverton AP	83	37	1.6	T	-0.19	2.95	6.53	-3.58
UPPER PLATTE DRAINAGE								
Laramie AP	78	29	-3.6	0.04	-0.21	5.23	8.89	-3.66
Rawlins AP	83	33	-2.1	0.05	-0.14	2.73	7.22	-4.49
Saratoga	81	31	-2.5	0.00	-0.20	4.81	7.57	-2.76

BLANKS - INDICATE MISSING DATA.
AP - AIRPORT. T - TRACE. () - ESTIMATES.
1/LATE REPORTS CAN CHANGE PREVIOUS WEEK'S CUMULATIVE TOTALS.
2/MISSING DATA FOR TWO WEEKS IN JULY